

RE: Please hold an in person public hearing for Sedat 4A PAS2D702BALL

Jason Muggli <jmuggli@plumboro.com>

Thu 6/23/2022 6:43 PM

To: Matt Kelso <kelso@fractracker.org>

Cc: R3 UIC Mailbox <R3_UIC_Mailbox@epa.gov>; Michael Thomas <mthomas@plumboro.com>

Mr. Kelso,

I received communication from the Boro Manager, Mike Thomas, to configure our Council Chambers for this upcoming EPA MS Teams meeting

I have our Council Chambers ready to broadcast and, if necessary, a microphone for attendees to ask questions during the hearing.

I will open our Council Chamber doors open at 5:45 PM on Tuesday June 28, 2022.

Here's a link to the post I made to our website:

[EPA Public Hearing on issuance of draft permit to Penneco Environmental Solutions | Plum PA \(plumboro.com\)](#)

Thank you,

JASON MUGGLI

Information Technology Coordinator

Non-responsive based on revised scope.

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From: Matt Kelso <kelso@fractracker.org>

Sent: Wednesday, June 22, 2022 10:16 AM

To: R3 UIC Mailbox <R3_UIC_Mailbox@epa.gov>; Michael Thomas <mthomas@plumboro.com>

Subject: Re: Please hold an in-person public hearing for Sedat 4A PAS2D702BALL

Mr. Bennett,

It's ironic, because the operator and EPA have as much time to prepare as they need, but it is the affected residents who have to scramble with insufficient notice. I do appreciate the extension of the written comment period, however.

At any rate, we have reached out to Plum Borough's Manager Michael Thomas (copied). The Borough has significant experience with MS Teams, and is willing to use this technology to make it easier for residents to be heard. For that to work, however, EPA will need to work with the Borough to allow for multiple speakers to be heard from the same connection. Obviously, that is not the same as an in-person meeting where residents can air their experiences and concerns to the

Agency face to face, but it would be significantly better than a phone call. Would this arrangement work for you?

Thanks,
Matt

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On Wed, Jun 22, 2022 at 9:23 AM R3 UIC Mailbox <R3_UIC_Mailbox@epa.gov> wrote:

Thank you for your email. Given short time frame to postpone the public hearing and changing it to in person, the scheduled **virtual** hearing will be held. It would be unfair to those who already plan to attend the hearing to cancel the currently scheduled hearing. To ensure that everyone who wishes to express their views to EPA has time to do so, a call-in number was also provided, and, in addition, EPA will extend the public comment and additional two weeks, ending on July 13, 2022.

James Bennett
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From: Matt Kelso kelso@fractracker.org
Sent: Thursday, June 16, 2022 3:48 PM
To: R3 UIC Mailbox R3_UIC_Mailbox@epa.gov
Subject: Please hold an in-person public hearing for Sedat 4A PAS2D702BALL

To whom it may concern,

Residents in Plum Borough, Pennsylvania have recently learned of your "public" hearing for the Sedat 4A Class II D wastewater disposal well.

https://www.epa.gov/pa/underground_injection_control_uic_program_notice_draft_permit_penneco_environmental_solutions

I think it is important that you realize that the virtual hearing is a significant obstacle for the residents who will be most affected by this proposed facility. Please reconsider the virtual only nature of this hearing, and schedule an in person hearing. Additionally, as residents have just found out about the hearing, there is insufficient time to react to the various issues in the draft UIC permit, including finding experts who are able to participate at the scheduled time. These people already have direct experience from the Sedat 3A well

(PAS2D701BALL), and you owe the community a fair chance to have their say, with the people making the decision on whether to approve the 10-year permit listening to them from across the room, rather than on a screen on an MS Teams link. Speaking of which, MS Teams is the least user-friendly of all of the various virtual meeting options, with technical glitches and poor documentation too frequently keeping participants from meetings. And this meeting is extremely important.

In summary, please postpone this meeting and have an in-person component for local residents.

Thanks,
Matt

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